

INDIANAPOLIS, MARCH 9, 1848.

received information that Santa Anna was, without doubt, at that place, and had with him from one hundred to two hundred men. With renewed hope every man now spurred his "jaded steed," and on we went quick enough, until within five miles of our goal, where a half of about half an hour was made, and the plan of attack and capture disclosed by the General to his officers. The party mounted; orders were given to observe the strictest silence during the remainder of the march. The order was obeyed, you may depend; for every man had an intense anxiety to secure the prize ahead.

This silent march over such a country as we passed through was impressive indeed. On our right was a precipice rising immediately from the road to the height of two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet; on the left was a dense growth of underwood, between us and a lofty range of mountains, through the gorges of which were seen occasionally the moon-lit peaks of Orizaba, brilliant but bleak; and ahead of us was a road over a limestone rock, having a dazzling whiteness from the moon's rays being reflected upon it directly towards us. Amid the romance of scenery, the suggestion could not fail to present itself, that we were only about three hundred and fifty strong; that we were from eighty to a hundred miles from reinforcements, without infantry or artillery; that we were treading a part of the country which never before knew the presence of American arms; and that the enemy might have had notice of our advance, and collected a formidable force; but there was a white flag suspended from the houses of the Mexicans in every part of the town, told our approach was known in advance; and it was with chagrin it was learned that the Mexican, whose coach and escort was stopped shortly after leaving the hacienda, sent by a short route across the mountains one of his servants to communicate to Santa Anna that American troops were on the road, and, as he believed, with the intention of capturing him. Had it not been for this treachery on the part of a man travelling under the name of an American, the surprise would have been complete. The guide—a Mexican, whose fidelity had been proved—after meeting the carriage, was uneasy during the remainder of the march, and was constantly urging the General to press the command forward with greater rapidity; but this could not be done without risking the loss of the men and horses, who were most fatigued—a weighty consideration, in the position he was then in. It was suggested, on arriving in town and finding Santa Anna had left, to press fifty or a hundred men forward, and pursue him as long as there was prospect of finding him. But the General wisely argued that the bird was alarmed; and to pursue him through a country unknown to our troops, and perfectly known to the enemy, and with the possibility, too, that the enemy's forces might accumulate on the road to a number dangerous to so small a body as could be mounted, would be seeking danger, with scarcely a possibility of success in the great object.

The first feeling of disappointment having in a great measure passed off, the public buildings and suspicious private dwellings were searched, and it was a meagre satisfaction to find in the quarters, so recently occupied by Santa Anna, a part of his best military wardrobe, two of his costly canes, his field glass, and three trunks containing his lady's clothing. This, at all events, to show the chase was taken and the departure hasty. His military property was taken as a legitimate spoil, and the trunks containing his lady's clothing were turned over to the alcalde. A receipt was taken for them, and a letter addressed to her illustrious husband, by the lady, informed him of the disposition made of the trunks, and expressed regret at his absence on the occasion of our appearing in his quarters. It may seem trifling to descend to an estimate of the value of the articles taken, but it will serve to show the extravagance and love of display of a man who affects to be a republican. The coat is almost covered with gold lace, and cannot be worth less than eight hundred dollars. This fell to the lot of Col. Hays, a surgeon present, and to the government of his State. Both the canes taken are of great value, being mounted with gold, and diamonds, and other precious stones. One of these became the property of an officer of the rangers, and the other of Maj. Polk, who intends to present it to the President. Two magnificent *chapeaux de bras*, two pair of gold epaulettes, a sash of gold cord and bullion tassels, and an elegant writing desk—all distributed among the officers, complete the list of valuable spoils taken with the exception of the field-glass, an excellent one, which the General appropriated to himself—his only trophy.

During the day the Ayuntamiento called on the General, and expressed a desire that the American forces should occupy the town until the termination of the war. The General told them it was not probable our troops would hold the place at present, but assured them of an occasional visit of our arms to protect the well-disposed and punish those guilty of a disobedience to the orders of the commander-in-chief. What they went off apparently satisfied. Several of the respectable citizens, on presenting themselves expressed a similar desire, and some went so far as to say they wished the permanent occupation of the country. Among the latter class was highly educated and intelligent Mexican, the owner of a mine in the vicinity, whose name I forbear mentioning, lest its disclosure may injure him. He was evidently a man who sought the good of his country, and was not a mere speculator in the civil war, but a devoted, loyal, and patriotic citizen. "I desire," said he, "to see the grand plans of the United States consummated; I desire to see its laws and institutions, its religious freedom, its system of general education, and its liberal commercial system, extended over the whole continent of North America. We have," he continued, "the name of a republic, but a single instance will serve to show you how far our government has been deserving of that appellation. In this town we have four thousand people; but in your country they would not be called people, because of that four thousand no more than two hundred possess the degree of intelligence necessary for self-government. In the struggle between military robbers and political miscreants for power and plunder, the country has been lost; and, sir, addressing himself to the General in an earnest and emphatic manner, "if there is a possibility of elevating this people to the capacity of self-government—and I believe there is—I repeat my wish to have your laws and institutions spread over us. This, sir, is the wish of the intelligent, thinking, honest citizens of Mexico."

On the road to Orizaba, via Tehuacan. AMAZUECO.—Without troops, but the quarters of a band of robbers or guerrilleros, which are daily robbing the gates of Puebla. TEPEACA.—Without troops. This town sent a commission of the municipality to the governor some time since, to obtain permission to arm fifty men as police to guard against robbers; which has been granted on certain conditions. They are under American protection; and, besides, safeguards are in possession of a few of the inhabitants, a majority of whom are favorable to the United States, but are not strong enough to manifest their opposition openly to the guerrilla parties. The sub-prefect of this town is opposed to the municipality, and is hostile to Americans. On the road to Orizaba, via Tehuacan. TEHUACAN.—There may be, although it is not probable, a few hundred troops here, in consequence of the last pronouncement in favor of a Spanish prince; and if Santa Anna is still there, he might have joined them with his escort. There are main roads leading to and from Tehuacan—one to this city, (Puebla), one to Oajaca, and the third to Orizaba. Robbers are scarcely ever found on the Oajaca road; but if they should, by any chance, get on it, they are pursued by the Indians and exterminated. This will be most likely the road by which any force or com-

manding officer at Tehuacan will retreat or escape. The inhabitants of Tehuacan are peaceable, and nothing is known of their being ill-disposed. PUENTE COLORADO.—Half way to Orizaba from Tehuacan, where the mountains begin. No village; nothing but a bridge and a small house; but this point has always been a rendezvous for robbers, and they are now going about in bands of fifty, one hundred, and even more. At Puente Colorado, the road from Puebla joins that from Tehuacan. The main road from Puebla to Orizaba is as follows: SAN AGUSTIN EL PALMER.—No troops, but a great number of robbers are living here. ACACINGO.—Without troops, but a most famous place for robbers, who go on the Orizaba road, and the national road, to Vera Cruz. It is reported that their number amounts to three hundred. PUENTE COLORADO.—At the foot of the mountains in the valley of Orizaba. A small village, with quiet and peaceable inhabitants. ORIZABA.—The majority of the inhabitants at this city are most anxious to see the Americans there. Several of them have safeguards from General Scott. There are many Frenchmen and other foreigners established at Orizaba, who are decidedly friendly. There are some troops in Orizaba, the number of which is estimated at from 150 to 200; but, as they are constantly moving to and from Huasteca, nothing certain is known about them. HUASTECA.—A strong town, the road to the mountains. The road to it is very bad, and only practicable for packmules and horses accustomed to such roads. The government of the State of Vera Cruz resides at this place, and a few troops are stationed there. CORDOVA.—A small village or town on the road to Vera Cruz from Orizaba. There are no troops there; but it is probable the guerrilla parties from Vera Cruz pay the place an occasional visit. GENERAL REMARKS. The robber parties, generally, do not travel the main road, but seek it only for the purpose of robbing travellers. They have sentinels placed, and disappear as soon as strong bodies of armed men show themselves. The civil authorities of all the villages know the robbers, and can point out their houses, names, and other particulars. THE AYUNTAMIENTO OF CORDOVA. No date—received Jan. 25. The Ayuntamiento of Cordova, together with many of the principal persons of this place, resolved to send a deputation to wait on your excellency, and invite your peaceful entry into, and stay in this city. This Ayuntamiento hopes from your accredited justice and prudence. The deputation consists of the Curate Francisco Jalazera, Jose M. Gambo, Pedro Probst, Francisco Mayobre, and the undersigned a president of the body. We humbly beg of you to receive the deputation, who will have the honor to present themselves to you on the road. I subscribe myself your humble servant, JOAQUIN APRERA. To the GENERAL GOV. of the AMERICAN FORCES IN ORIZABA. [ANSWER.] HEADQUARTERS, GEN. LANE'S COMMAND. Orizaba, January 26, 1848. To the deputation of the Ayuntamiento, and principal citizens of Cordova. The General commanding the American forces at this place has received your communication touching his proposed visit to your city, and is pleased to be informed of your peaceful and friendly disposition towards him, and the troops under his command. The General has not positively determined whether he will extend his march to Cordova or not, but informs you that he will not start thither to-day. Whenever he shall arrive in your place, he assures you that the principles before announced by him in other places, and announced by all other American commanders, will be strictly respected, namely: the protection of private property, respect for religious opinions, and exact justice towards all. The General begs to present you the assurance of his distinguished consideration. JOSEPH LANE, Brig. Gen. U. S. A. HEADQUARTERS, GEN. LANE'S COMMAND. Orizaba, January 25, 1848. ORDERS.—1. Col. Hays, Texas volunteers, is hereby appointed commander of all the American forces in this city and its vicinity. 2. Major Polk, 2d dragoons, is hereby appointed civil and military governor of this city, and its vicinity. 3. Lieut. Col. Dumont, 4th Indiana volunteers, is appointed attorney general. 4. The civil and military governor will cause inquiry to be made of the merchants and proprietors of the property of the merchant trains by bands of guerrillas; whether those bands have been extorted by the municipal authorities of this place, or allowed to have harbors; whether the property has been taken by force, or by fraud; and, if the latter, what disposition has been made of the proceeds, and cause speedy justice to be executed in the premises. 5. Private property of foreign residents or peaceable Mexican citizens will be protected, and the religious rights, together with the sacredness of property, scrupulously respected. 6. All crimes and disorders, whether committed by the soldiers, followers, and retainers of the American army, upon the property and persons of the residents and citizens of Mexico, or by those residents and citizens upon the property and persons of the soldiers, followers, and retainers of the American army, will be detected, tried, and severely punished according to the provisions of the general orders, published at Tampico in February last, and since republished several times, declaring martial law, and the mode of administering the same. By command of Brig. Gen. Lane: G. E. PUGH, Capt. 4th Ohio Volunteers, Aid-de-Camp. HEADQUARTERS, GEN. LANE'S COMMAND. Orizaba, Jan. 26, 1848. ORDERS.—Information having been received justifying the commanding general in the belief that tobacco belonging to the government of Mexico is at this time in the town or vicinity of this place, and that the same is being concealed in the houses of the residents, and is being used for the purpose of smuggling it into the United States, you are directed to organize a commission for the purpose of ascertaining whether the tobacco so seized is or is not subject to confiscation, and if such tobacco as may be found subject to confiscation, you are directed to sell in such way as may be best calculated to insure a good price. By the command of Brig. Gen. Lane: G. E. PUGH, Capt. 4th Ohio Volunteers, Aid-de-Camp. To Major Polk, Civil and Military Gov. of Orizaba. [Made a seizure.] OFFICE OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY GOVERNOR. Orizaba, January 26, 1848. ORDERS No. 1.—The Ayuntamiento are hereby directed to make diligent search and seizure of all American horses, mules, arms, equipments, and property taken from any of the trains, or now in this city and neighborhood and cause the same to be forthwith delivered to the civil and military governor. They are also directed to deliver up the American prisoners and deserters in this city and neighborhood, and to give all possible information concerning them. They are further directed to cause search to be made for the property lately taken from the merchant trains, pursuant to the orders yesterday published by Brig. Gen. Lane; to give information whether the property, or any part of it, has been sold here, and what disposition has been made of the proceeds of any such sale. By the governor: GEO. EARL MANEY, Secretary, &c. OFFICE OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY GOVERNOR. Orizaba, January 26, 1848. ORDER No. 2.—As president of the Ayuntamiento, you are required to remit immediately to this office a copy of the receipt for your removal by you on the night of the 24th inst., from the administrator of tobacco, requiring you to receive the tobacco which remained in the warehouses in this city; also copies of all other communications which passed between yourself and the administrator relative to said tobacco; and to cause the same to be forwarded to the General Casola appropriated said tobacco, and removed it yesterday morning to his own house. You are also required to furnish immediately the keys of the several warehouses of this city. By the governor: GEO. EARL MANEY, Secretary, &c. NEW MAIL ARRANGEMENT.—The mail has commenced running daily between this city and Patriot, Indiana, so that letters and papers put into the Post Office here before 8 o'clock in the morning, will reach Patriot, by the mail boats, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Letters mailed at Patriot before noon, will reach Louisville the same day, and this city the next day. There is an Irregular weekly mail between Cincinnati and Patriot; but all mail matter should go by the boats, in order to secure promptness and certainty in the delivery.—Cin. Eng.

The editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch has seen a beautiful copy of the Declaration of Independence—signatures and all—engraved upon one side of an American dollar!

THE HARMONY OF FEDERAL WHIGGERY. The following is an apt hit at the harmony of the Federal Whig party. We copy from the Michigan City News: "A LEAF FROM SHAKESPEARE," WITH ADDITIONS, BY JOHN SMITH. WHIG COUNCIL ROOM—Enter Cornish, Greeley and Taylor. Greeley. "You can't come in," General: Clay with Boston, now, hath matted his hair; His "Orlean Speech," hath well repented of, His "Mendham reply," amply atoned for. But since he hath shaved at Ashland, no one doubts, But since in public he is with the north, His private views are sought. His mighty mind, Did ever hold, as we remember well, Two separate opinions—political and personal; We hope by these to double-draw the Union, And catch the unthinking masses in our net. When warlike Slaves come upon thy reach, We'll point to Bona Vista's bloody hills, And show the Juena Vista, wrapped in a soldier's shroud. The Flag of Liberty. We'll instance then The fifty human chattels now at labor hard To house to our High Church convert— This the South will win—Then to the North We'll fling the Lexington Platform, Halting that which slavery condemns, And intermingling, as we well know how, Some cunning inferences, to catch "Old Rough." Thus have we much to them, "Old Rough!" Thy magic name gave strength and triumph To the despairing, in the late elections. We need thee now no longer. Spots Bloody and criminal, are thy garments! The innocents of Mexico stand now cry To heaven "guilt! Guilt, and Scott, and then, Corcoran. Old man! go back to scenes of strife and blood, And teach repentance to your "brutal" troops. To Ashland's Farmer, or perchance, myself Will wage an *en masse*, award their highest praise. The injured patrons of our sister land Will double-draw thee with bloody hands To a murderer's death—a hospitable grave." Taylor. Pardon my abruptness—I will not back; I am too high born to be properly; To be a secondary at control, Or useful serving-men, as you thy garments! To your prating lawyer in this Union, Whig leaders first endeavored my ambition To mount the ladder Presidential, And brought in matter that should feed this fire And 'tis far too large to be blown out, With the same weak wind which did kindle it. They taught me how to blow hot and cold, Acquainted me the way to win the prize; Yea, thrust this enterprise into my heart: Some ye need to tell me Clay has made His peace with Boston? What's that to me? I, by the glory of my warlike deeds, After James K. do claim the chair for mine. And now, when nearly worn, must I go back Because that Clay has made his peace with Boston? Am I her slave? What efforts has she made To further my wrongs? What letters write, Conventions held, or eulogies pronounced? I never have received her "aid or comfort." How I am vexed to hear you cry "Hurrah for Taylor!" as "passer-by" towns? Have I not here the best cards for the game, To win this easy match played for a crown? And shall I now give up the cherished hope? Go back! and blast my prospects in their bloom? No! no! my soul, it never shall be so! My banner is not made to retrace: Advance, is sweeter to the soldier's ear Than that base word Retreat. Give o'er, entreating me, to Wagon Boy; No prayer that thou canst make can move me. M-re "grape" shall rattle up thy knavish plans Than Bangs at Ansturgay gave the foe. I never will surrender. EXAMIN.

We call attention to the article from the Philadelphia Saturday Courier, containing well deserved encomiums on the Directors of our Railroad, for their liberality in sustaining Mr. Catnach in the prosecution of an enterprise which, although it will be to their benefit, was as yet untried. We hope sincerely that the experiment will succeed—and we have every reason to think it will, both from the character of the inventor, and from the nature of the enterprise, as a thorough mechanician, versed in every branch relating to mechanical forces, and the opinions of well qualified professional men. Mr. Catnach is claimed by the Courier as if he were a Philadelphia mechanic; but he merely exercises his calling there for a few years, and is now essentially a Western man. By the simple improvement on *breaks*, he saved the company, in the course of three or four years, between five and six thousand dollars.—*Medison Banner.* NEW LOCOMOTIVE.—A new and splendid locomotive, with quite a new feature in construction, from the well known shop of Mr. M. W. Baldwin, left this city on Friday last, destined for Madison and Indianapolis Railroad. And, as it is the intention of that enterprising company, by means of this engine, to supply the place of stationary engines and horse power, on inclined planes, we think it proper to give a description of its construction, as it may be interesting to our readers. It is a large and powerful locomotive, placed upon rigid driving wheels, which are connected to a pair of inclined cylinders, fifteen and a half inches in diameter, and twenty inches stroke. There is also a driving cog-wheel, twelve and a half inches in diameter, for propelling by a rack laid in the middle of the track the whole length of the plane. This cog-wheel is on the middle of a shaft lying parallel to the axes of the driving-wheels, and midway between the back and front ends of the engine, and by a crank on each end of the shaft, is connected to a pair of vertical cylinders, fourteen and a half inches in diameter, and fourteen inches stroke. This shaft is placed in a pair of strong bearings, attached to the boiler and frame-work of the engine, and is raised sufficiently from the rails, and connects to the rack by an intermediate wheel, twenty-eight inches in diameter, and which is capable of being connected or disconnected instantaneously to or from the rack, at the pleasure of the engineer, by means of a fifth cylinder placed horizontally on top of the boiler, and by a crank on each end of the shaft, is connected to a pair of vertical cylinders, fourteen and a half inches in diameter, and fourteen inches stroke. 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